

USDA/FNS/Food Distribution

Project No. 8 (Cancelled)

Project No. 8: Commercial Spec for Boneless Beef
State Partner: Ohio, South Carolina, California and Indiana
Industry Partners: JTM, Pierre Foods and Don Lee

Scope: The project was intended to test a specification for commercial boneless bulk beef. The project was limited in volume and intended for selected processors and selected school districts to be identified in advance.

Background: Currently USDA purchases frozen bulk coarse grind beef and pork in 60-pound boxes for processors to convert into end products. For standard commercial processing, meat packers produce boneless beef that meets the production needs of processors. To integrate the unique USDA procured coarse grind product into production lines, product formulations must be changed and unique end products must be provided to schools and be delivered separately from commercial product.

Project Description: A commercial beef specification that is common to all meat processors shall be developed and tested.

Status: This initiative has been pending resolution of specification issues. Current commodity pathogen testing requirements prevent USDA from purchasing a commercial product. Therefore the pilot has been cancelled.

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